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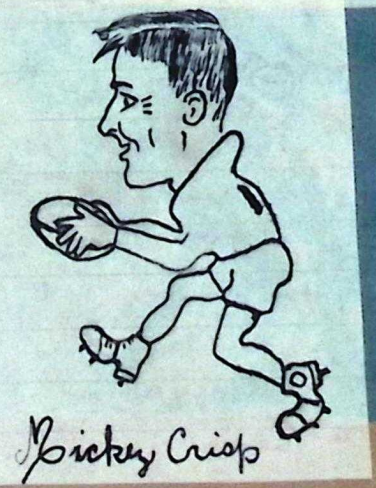


DRAWINGS (IN TRUE PERSPECTIVE) OF SEVERAL COMMON OBJECTS WHEREIN ENDING

Better Side Than 1937, Says Victorian Captain

(By Harry Potter)

"A shade better than our 1937 carnival side" . . . This was the verdict of Dick Reynolds, triple Brownlow medallist and captain when asked to assess the strength of the Victorian team which reached Perth today.

Reynolds, one of the most accomplished and versatile footballers his State has produced, leads a typical band of Victorian champions. The big crowd of sightseers at the station today marvelled at the powerful physique of Dyer, Graham, Torney and others. There are 10 six-footers among them.

BIG MAN HERE is 22-year-old Ron Todd, 6ft. 1½in. high-flying goal-sneak of the Victorian football team, which arrived today. OTHER PICTURE shows State vice-captain Brian Ryan (left) chatting with Victorian captain Dick Reynolds as he changes in his hotel room.

Everybody had a special interest in smiling dark-haired Ron Todd, Collingwood goalgetting freak, who promises to be a sensation as his type has not before been seen here.

Although several of the visitors have been on the casualty list, including Reynolds himself, they expect all 24 players to be fit for selection.

Norman Ware and Joe Ryan, the Footscray representatives, retain a colourful reminder of last Saturday's football in the form of a black eye each. Reynolds stood down from his last engagement because of a muscle injury but he will lead the side on Saturday.

As well as Mr. W. Stooke, Mr. W. Orr and other officials of the W.A. league, many prominent players met the visitors. Among the crowd were several ex-Victorians.

Keith Shea's moustache prompted some jokes. He was promptly christened "Arf a Mo."

POSSIBLE TEAM

Messrs. Dummett and Mullaly do not intend to announce the side for Saturday's match until at least tomorrow.

A forecast is plain guesswork but among the visitors the following is considered to be a likely side:—

Backs: Treweek, Regan, Adamson.
Half-backs: Grant, Graham, Lloyd.
Centres: Matthews, Cordner, Kelly.
Half-forwards: Thomas, Torney, Muller.
Forwards: Fischer, Todd, Hale or Harris.
Ruck: Dyer, Ware, Reynolds.

The Victorians had a loosening up at Subiaco this afternoon and will train again tomorrow. Tonight there will be a league reception to the visitors.

CLASS PLAYERS

Similar views were expressed by Mr. A. E. Dummett, one of Victoria's outstanding football administrators who has the unique record of having been associated as player or official with the famed Collingwood for 42 years.

In expressing the view that the side would compare favourably with the 1937 team Mr. Dummett pointed to Grant (Stawell Gift winner), Torney (giant Essendon ruckman), Kelly (another Stawell runner), Cordner (who many consider best centreman in Victoria today) and the always powerful Jack Dyer as typical examples of the best class of footballer in his State.

In addition, Todd was making his first visit to Perth with the reputation of being one of the greatest forwards of all times.

PACY FOLLOWERS

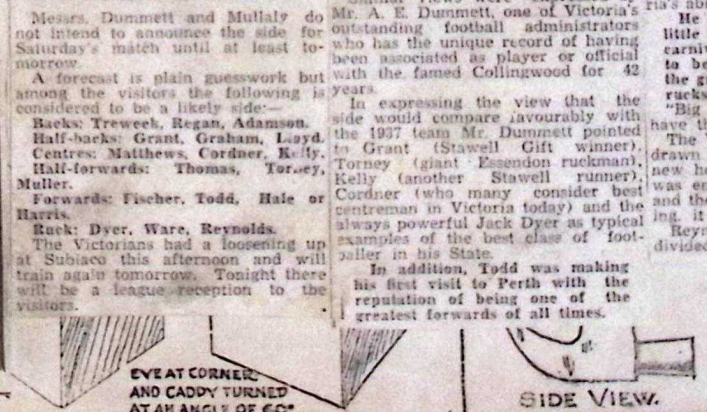
Reynolds, an unassuming sportsman, confessed to a particularly high regard for West Australian talent while expressing confidence in Victoria's ability to finish in front again.

He thought the present side a little stronger than Victoria's 1937 carnival team because it appeared to be better balanced. He has the greatest ith in the Victorian rucks.

"Big as they are," he said, "they have the pace of rovers."

The Victorian captain would not be drawn into controversy regarding the new holding law. He said that it was entitled to a full season's trial and then, if it were found to be wanting, it "could be hanged."

Reynolds said that opinion was very divided on the law in Victoria.



Player Piracy Begins

(By Harry Potter)

Fred Williams, youthful centreman of the Subiaco Club, is being offered attractive inducements to sign up with a Melbourne club.

At the same time at least two West Australian clubs are hoping to pirate Victorian players.

Williams has yet to prove a champion but the Victorians, with their customary good judgment, consider him the type who would do well in Melbourne.

They are not far wrong.

Williams emerged from Subiaco junior ranks last year and has attracted notice by beating some of the best centre men in the game here. Last Saturday he was Subiaco's outstanding player against East Perth.

Everybody who has seen the two in action has been struck by the marked resemblance of William's style to that of Alan Hopkins, the former Footscray star, who was three times runner-up for the Brownlow medal, and who played in Perth in 1929.

EARLY DECISION

It is understood that the club which has made the offer to Williams is anxious that he should leave Perth at the earliest possible moment.

Williams has not yet committed himself.

Other prominent players with whom the Victorians are keen to negotiate are Frank Jenkins and Bert Gook, South Fremantle's crack centreman and Perth's spectacular goalsneak.

Both received offers when away with the W.A. side in Melbourne last year. They will not easily be persuaded to transfer.

Brian Smith is also being mentioned.

It is known, too, that Keith Shea, present coach of Subiaco and former Carlton player, is being approached by Victorian scouts.

Remembering the tempting terms offered to Bunton, one wonders whether Victorian Association teams as well as league clubs are interested in Shea.

The possibility of Les Hardiman going back to Melbourne is considered remote. Hayda Bunton, another who may figure in negotiations, has been in bed with influenza.

He may be approached before the Victorians leave the State.

Looking Over The Visitors

JOCK Cordner played on the wing against W.A. in Melbourne last year. Now he is a challenger of Whelan, of Collingwood, as Victoria's best pivot player. His clash with Ross Hutchinson, our own captain, should produce something interesting.

MR. "Rosie" Dummett, manager of the Victorians, at the league reception last night, referred to the fact that in his day there was no money for players. One of his team amused the crowd with the interjection, "Anyway, who said you were worth it?" Mr. Dummett emphasised that it was the friendships which the game made that counted most. He has been with Collingwood committee since 1908.

WHETHER the Victorians change Jack Graham and any other follower at centre half-back or whether they place the speed merchant Jack Grant there, Frank Jenkins, our centre half-forward, will keep them busy.

MR. R. P. Rodriguez left for the Eastern States today. He will join Claremont team in Adelaide.

DICK Reynolds is one of the most unassuming players ever to wear a Victorian guernsey. With three Brownlow medals to his credit already, it is declared by visitors that he is well in the running for another this season.

MR. Wally Crichton, Essendon's secretary, has a wooden leg which football pals, from time to time, have used for autograph purposes. Today, however, Mr. Crichton reports a "clean sheet." Doubtless this will not be the case when the tour is over.

A LIKEABLE executive with the Victorians is Ivan Gibson, Geelong secretary. At Kalgoorlie his eye widened when he saw a Geelong guernsey. It turned out to be one that ex Subiaco forward Len Metherell wore and was secured from him as a memento in Tasmania last year. Metherell is now coaching the Golden Point team at Ballarat.

PERTH club will have an outing at Northam on Saturday. They will play a match there against combined Avon Valley Association for charity. A special train has been chartered, and the return fare is only 5/. A big crowd is expected to accompany the team. Perth also have a "bucks" night listed for Friday.

MR. M. E. (Mick) Green accompanies the Victorians to Perth. His first visit here in a football capacity was with Fitzroy in 1922. He is secretary of that club.

JOE Ryan, here with the Victorians as rover, is one of four of the name at present with Footscray. Others are Jack, Leo, and Bill. Joe and Bill are brothers, but there is no other relationship among the quartette. Joe and Bill have a younger brother who gives promise of developing into a league player.

I SUPPOSE the two members of the visiting side whose appearance is creating the most interest are Ron Todd and Jack Dyer. Todd was heavy with 'flu at training yesterday, but he is bound to startle the crowd on Saturday. Dyer—they call him "Captain Blood"—remains "tops" among Victoria's he-man rucks.

BEFORE they return to Melbourne the Victorians will have met three engagements, two in Perth and one in Adelaide. Mr. Allan Ryan, manager of Melbourne's famous hotel and landmark, Young and Jackson's, has donated a costly trophy to the member of the side deemed to be the champion of the tour. The votes will be alloted by Mr. J. Ludlow, prominent football writer of The Age, who is accompanying the team. It was Mr. Ryan who donated the handsome cup won by Jack Murray of Swans as best W.A. player against Victoria in Melbourne last year.

SEVERAL of the visiting side have vivid memories of Ted Flemming. Norman Ware told me he thought he was about the greatest mark he had ever seen.

ON Saturday evening the football pilgrimage will be to the King's Hall, Subiaco, where the Subiaco club will conduct the official function of the night in the form of a complimentary social and dance to both State teams. The captains and officials of each team will be introduced to patrons. Sale of tickets will be limited. They can be secured from the following:—T. Outridge, Harris Scarfe and Sandovers; Laubman and Pank, Barrack-street; A. V. Penrose, Police Department; J. Ashdown, 16 London-street, Mt. Hawthorn.

56 YEARS AGO WITH BULLDOGS

Fifty-six years ago last Saturday, Footscray fielded their first football team. Captained by C. E. (Charlie) Lovett, with Dick Woods as Vice-captain, Footscray's colors were then blue and white. They played Williamstown before about 150 spectators in the first match.

Two years later the colors were altered Red White and Blue.

Mr Lovett is still a resident of Footscray, and has in his possession, the first member's ticket issued and a cup awarded to him that season as the best and fairest player of the team.

Changes Likely In W.A. Football Team

(By Harry Potter)

Already handicapped by not having the services of several prominent players, the selectors of the W.A. side have encountered further difficulty. It is now almost certain that Les Hardiman will not strip.

While Bunton will most likely play there is a doubt about George Krepp, who also has influenza.

Hardiman's condition is such that the selectors are almost certain to provide a substitute after the team trains this evening.

Hardiman is deeply disappointed.

He said today that the injury was not mending as rapidly as seemed possible earlier, with the result that there appeared to be little hope of his being fit in time for Saturday's game

"It is a great disappointment," he said. "It was a game in which I dearly wanted to play."

Krepp developed influenza yesterday and was not able to see the day through at his work. The selectors are waiting on a definite report. They are still not in a position to judge Krepp's chances of recovery.

Should he not play Puddey appears most likely to take his place.

CALL ON ROBERTSON?

With Hardiman almost definitely a non-starter, the point is raised whether the selectors will choose Ward for the role of goalkeeper, seeing that Hardiman was the expected choice for this position, or whether they will bring in another player.

Austin Robertson must be considered if the selectors decide to go beyond the original 23. It is learned today that Robertson is a little doubtful about a leg injury. If he is considered sound it would not be surprising if he were included.

The Victorians see nothing unusual about the prevailing dismal weather. To them it is a reminder of home.

They think that if the rain continues it will suit their game the better.

Mr. A. E. Dummett, their manager and chief selector, and Mr. R. Mullaly, his co-selector, said today that their side would be picked after training tonight.

If the rain continues tomorrow there may be readjustments to include more smaller men.

A likely side at the moment is:—Backs, Tweedy, Regan, Adamson half-back; Grant, Graham, Lloyd centres, Matthews, Cordner, Kelly half-forwards, Crisp, Baggott, Torney forwards, Fischer, Todd, Hale or Harris; ruck, Dyer, Ware, Reynolds.

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FOOTBALL

Danger Big Men Are In Vic. Side

Western Australia must again depend on pace as the factor most likely to counter the ruggedness and physical strength of the Victorians.

The Victorians average out at nearly a stone heavier than our men. If they are allowed to close up the game, and it will be hard to prevent them from doing it, the West Australians cannot win.

But, as in the carnival of 1937, when the physical disparity counted just as heavily against us, our pace and skill in open football kept the Victorians under pressure and they were able to draw away only in the closing stages.

If Dick Reynolds, visiting captain, is right in saying that the present team is better than the 1937 side the formidable contract facing W.A. is obvious.

Nevertheless, there is no need for despair.

There are magnificent players in our ranks, and while the Victorian rucks seem to be invincible, there are ways and means of offsetting this potential advantage.

We have the speed to worry a travelling team, no matter how brilliant its components are in ordinary circumstances.

In many great battles of the past the distinguishing feature has been Victoria's powerful finishing effort, with everything swung into the game.

CARE NEEDED

This must always be provided against, but it seems to me that we will have to be even more careful at the start. Victorians in more recent years have made a mighty effort from the first bounce to gain the initiative, and with it the moral advantage.

With the opening bounce the whole side swings into action. A loose man is set up and if the Victorian rucks gain possession there is a headlong systematic burst into attack with the first goal on the board in a trice.

These shock tactics make Victoria irresistible unless the opposition is prepared for them. One cannot drill into our men too insistently the need to cover the loose man and to back up each other.

OFFSET TO RUCK

Alert centre line players and skilful rovers—of these we definitely have the right type—can do much to compensate for any trouble in the packs. Our defence should be strong and our forwards should not be disgraced.

The big men of the visiting team will make it hard for our players to establish any advantage in the air; but here, too, it should be possible for the home side to adopt appropriate tactics.

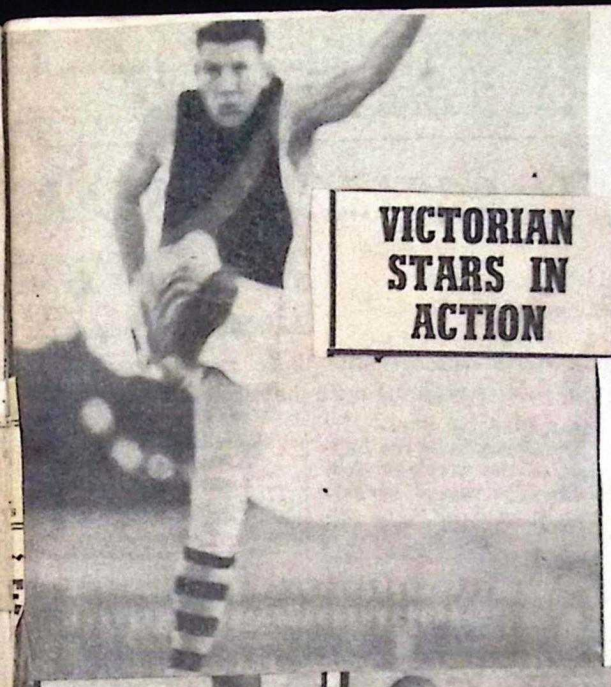
Given efficient disposal and anticipation, the potential aerial strength of the opposition can be minimised.

Our position today is little different from that when the 1937 carnival final was played.

On that occasion we were within an ace of success, and our 1939 representatives may quite easily prove as good as their predecessors, if not better.

B. Chandler

VICTORIAN STARS IN ACTION

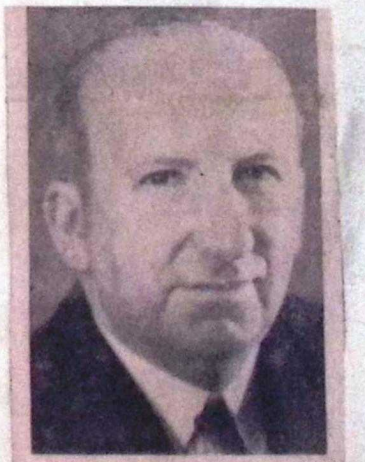


Training night shots of the visiting Victorian footballers at Subiaco yesterday. TOP picture shows Jack Dyer, his State's outstanding ruckman, who has been dubbed "Captain Blood." ABOVE: Jack Graham (6ft. 3in. follower), S. Lloyd (half-back) and J. Regan (goalkeeper) fly for the ball. RIGHT: Hefty goalsneak Todd

MIGHTY CROWD

BEFORE A SECTION OF THE 96,834 crowd at Melbourne Cricket Ground for the Grand Final on Saturday, Knight, of Collingwood, kicks at goal at the start of the third quarter.

J. Regan, the Victorian goalkeeper, makes a spectacular save in the goal mouth in Monday's match.



MR. H. L. ROBERTS, League vice-president and president of Richmond, who sponsored the new holding-the-man holding-the-ball at the League table.

NEW RULE INCIDENT

AN EXAMPLE OF THE LEAGUE'S NEW RULE is shown in this incident during the Richmond-Footscray game on Saturday. Sampson (Footscray) is seen punching the ball away to avoid giving a free kick to Titus (Richmond), who has him firmly gripped around the waist.

96,000 See Carlton Triumph

FIRST PENNANT SINCE 1915

"Brighton" Diggins Did A Great Job

(By HAROLD BALFE)

CARLTON have done it at last! Good luck to them. If ever a team deserved a premiership of the Victorian Football League it was "The Blues," who took their last pennant 'way back in 1915.

They played so well in the League's grand final last Saturday that it would have been the hardest of luck for them had Collingwood got home.

What better setting could there have been for a Carlton victory? Nearly 97,000 excited spectators crammed into the Melbourne cricket ground. Less than 2000 short of the record Melbourne Cup crowd.

And what an amazing scene when that enormous crowd stood and cheered to the echo victors and vanquished at the end of a splendidly-fought match.

CARLTON won by sheer speed and "guts."

In every move that called for pace they were ahead.

Their brilliance in the air kept Collingwood's "key" men quiet.

They made it a fiercely hard game without descending to anything spiteful.

The terrific clashes of shoulder and hip, the recklessness with which Carlton men tore through the packs astonished everybody.

Collingwood were forced out of their steadiness by the fieriness of Carlton's onslaughts. Only occasionally did they look like settling down.

You couldn't accuse Collingwood of making many mistakes. They were beaten by a team that was faster and playing a bit better football.

But there was one mistake that certain members of the "Magpie" outfit fell into time after time throughout the match.

They would persist in trying to run when in possession.

Not that they attempted long runs . . . just two, three, or, perhaps, half-a-dozen strides.

It was, in the main, an endeavor to get into position to dispose of the ball—to get on to the right leg.

But even two or three steps proved fatal, not once, but a dozen times, for Carlton, definitely the faster, could go with them, head them, check them . . . and that happened time and time again.

How Collingwood supporters must have writhed when they saw men, a yard slower than their opponents, trying that little run instead of getting their foot to the ball at once.

Having just that extra bit of pace, Carlton were able to hold the initiative most of the match Collingwood, instead of being able to make tactics to suit themselves, had to dance to Carlton's tune.

There wasn't a great deal of open play. Carlton packed the game by using their speed to smother Collingwood moves and to prevent Collingwood's small men from working into the open, where they could bring their devastating short-passing system into operation.

Result was that the match, as a match, wasn't as attractive as the Geelong-Collingwood grand final last year. There wasn't the amount of open, systematic football we saw in that game. Too frequently the players were packed on the ball.

But it was tremendously exciting.

Fortunes Fluctuated

The fortunes of the match favoring first one, then the other. Collingwood, 22 points down at the final change, smashing through to get within 4 points of Carlton 10 minutes before "time."

Carlton responding with a magnificent effort . . . finishing like a team of athletes trained to the minute . . . as undoubtedly they were . . . to win by 15 points.

Jim Francis worried Phonse Kyne just as much as he did Jack Collins in the semi-final against Geelong. Jack Wrout, superb in the air, had sufficiently the better of Boyall to affect Collingwood's defence.

Jack Regan, great Collingwood fullback, certainly upset young Kex Baxter, with the result that the Carlton forward became flurried and missed the target with some of the easiest of shots—misses that might easily have proved fatal to Carlton's chances.

But with Jack Hale subjugating Des. Fothergill for at least three-quarters of the game, thus preventing Collingwood from working their "loose man" system, the wheels of the "Magpie" machinery became effectively spragged.

It was a triumph for carefully studied tactical planning, for courage and determination, and for leadership.

In the matter of leadership, there must be a special word of praise for Carlton's captain-coach, Brighton Diggins.

The former Western Australian was laboring under a tremendous responsibility. To a certain degree he had to rehabilitate himself with the football public of Melbourne. His trouble with South Melbourne, his dalliance with offers in Western Australia, his absence from the game for a season, all served to place him somewhat under a cloud.

In addition, he had to make good with Carlton. He was given the material. The rest was up to him.

How he did the job is now history. He did a job and a half with his inspiring leadership. In marvellous fettle, he showed amazing pace for such a giant of a man, played the game of his life, and set an example that his men could not fail to follow.

Well done, Brighton Diggins!

"BRIGHTON" DIGGINS, Carlton's captain.

Crowd Records Smashed

THE 1938 season of the Victorian Football League terminated in a blaze of stupendous crowd figures.

Into the vast arena of the Melbourne Cricket Ground 96,834 packed themselves. The "gate" takings were £6778/9/3. Figures for crowd and "gate" constitute a new record for Australia for any sporting event other than a horse race.

The Melbourne Cup of 1936 was witnessed by 97,000. This is believed to be the greatest attendance at any sporting event in Australia.

Every seat in the members' old, and new stands at the M.C.G. was occupied long before the match started. There was not a yard of standing room unoccupied. People were seated five deep on the grass all round the playing space.

The total population of Melbourne is just over 1,000,000. Nearly one person in every 10 of the population was at the M.C.G. on Saturday. It was thought last year, when 88,540 people paid £5960/8/9 to see Geelong beat Collingwood in the grand final that a record had been established that would never be broken, for the health authorities raised grave objection to what was considered to be overcrowding. Necessary alterations since last year and the use of the arena made the greater crowd possible.

The behaviour of the vast attendance was amazingly good. Ambulance men were kept busy attending to people who fainted in the crushes.

The record for a Test cricket match at the Melbourne ground is 87,798, and "gate" £7405 on the third day of the third Test, Australia v. England in 1936.

Palmer Has Them Worried

FOLLOWING his fight against Leo. Kelly, AMBROSE PALMER did not take long to get back to football. He was training hard at Footscray the following Tuesday.

His football activities are said to be worrying certain boxing interests.

The two games do not run parallel in an athlete's career. To do justice to himself a man has generally to concentrate on one, though training for the other may assist to develop perfect condition.

Arthur Cripps was a first-class Rugby footballer. But he did not take his football too seriously while there was ring fish to fry.

New Rules

Wednesday, May 3, 1939

"Tommy Rot"

—SAYS REG. HICKEY, GEELONG CAPTAIN

REG. HICKEY, captain and coach of Geelong, is the latest leading League footballer to criticise the holding-the-man-holding-the-ball rule, played in the League. Hickey is also opposed to the throw-in boundary rule. "Why was there any need to tinker with rules that could attract such a crowd as that which patronised the grand finals of 1937 and 1938?" he asks.

FROM a Geelong broadcasting station Reg Hickey severely criticised the innovations in the League game, describing them as "tommy rot."

"I have been asked," he said in his broadcast, "every day this week what I think of the new League rules. I have replied the same way to everybody. It was tommy-rot to alter a game that was giving satisfaction."

Yesterday by telephone I talked to Reg about his broadcast. He confirmed everything he said over the air.

TOO MUCH ON UMPIRE

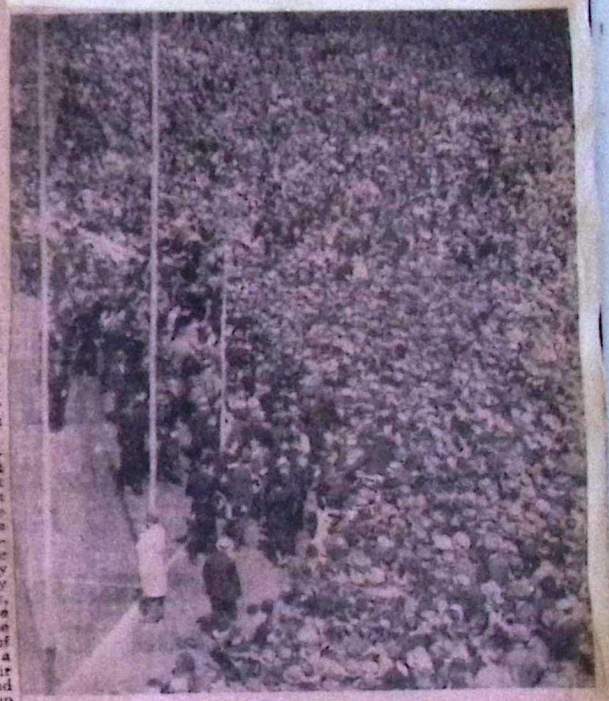
Dealing with the holding the ball rule first, Hickey said:—

"I am right up against the rule, for it penalises unmercifully the player who fights on to get the ball and is then caught in possession by a player who has loafed on him. Too much is left to the umpire's discretion. An umpire is only human and consequently a decision goes one way and immediately afterwards is contradicted.

"At Collingwood neither side was handicapped to any great extent because the umpire chose to let the game go and largely ignore the rule. On Saturday we got a totally different interpretation and next week we might get a different one still. The rule doesn't make for enterprise in football, nor consistent umpiring.

"And I am right up against the throw-in rule. It it is rational to expect rough men to be up with the ball at the throw-in, with the game played at the pace it is today, then I for one don't know my football. I thought the other rule with a free-kick for a boundary breach a good one and the public must have thought so too, for they showed it in the manner in which they patronised League football. Further, with this throw-in rule, I can imagine on a windy day a team turning a game into a farce by keeping the ball out of bounds. In fact, it need not even be a windy day. The side holding a fair lead can keep to boundary play and prevent the side behind from making up the leeway.

A fine "four-up" shot in the Geelong v. Carlton game. Players are (from left): Dougherty (Geelong), Park (Carlton), Hore (Geelong) and Gill (Carlton).



WHEN THE FRONT ROW OF THE CROWD was a bit too far forward. Scene at the M.C.G. when the League grand final crowd overflowed beyond the boundary lines.

Attendance Aggregates

THE aggregate attendances and receipts for a League final series in the last four seasons have been:—

1935	283,870	£10,375
1936	234,516	£11,974
1937	233,549	£14,325
1938	290,703	£19,290

DOUG. STRANG

KEN FARMER kicked 8 goals on Saturday in Adelaide, making 32 for three matches.

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RON TODD, the young Collingwood forward, has in one season put himself in the category of champions. To score a century of goals in home and home matches is no mean feat. That is evidenced by the select few who have so performed in the League. To Todd go my hearty congratulations, and I join the many who hope he will entertain football patrons for many years to come.

Ron Todd

Collingwood can claim the best record for goal-kickers. Dick Lee looked after goal getting for years; he was followed by Gordon Coventry the record breaker, and now comes young Todd.

If the Coulter Law were scrapped there would be a wild scramble for the services of Todd.

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BRADMAN OF FOOTBALL

Ken Farmer Off The Mark

KEN FARMER, the greatest goal-kicker South Australia has produced, seems likely to be termed "The Bradman of Australian Football." He appears to have a sixth sense for the position of the goal posts from any angle.

In a practice game on Saturday Farmer piled on seven of the nine goals for his side.

Wednesday, September 28, 1938

Carlton Are 1938 League Premiers

J. A. Kelly (

"MICKY" CRISP SPILLS THE BEANS

How The Blues Won

YOU all can be wise now, but six weeks ago it did not look so good.

We were sitting on top of the list, but — well, if you said we were there on sufferance you had plenty to back you up.

I confess that I felt a bit seedy about it at times. We were eased in our training, but we did not look too hot at times.

If the fellow over the fence and one or two of the team have had doubts, there was one big-hearted fellow who never shifted from his opinion that Carlton would be premiers. That brings me to Brighton Diggins.

Coach a Man's Man

Now, when Brighton came to Carlton he had had one or two barneys with South Melbourne. That's not my pigeon, but I say from what football experience I have had that a man who leaves a club in similar circumstances to those in which Brighton left South has to tread warily in his new surroundings.

We all knew Brighton as an opponent, but Brighton as a team-mate—well, that was up to him.

Now let me get down to business. From the moment he walked into that training room he showed himself a gentleman. He was determined, he was forceful if needed. He never was a bully. His soft way of speaking might have suggested to some a lack of leadership—that was their funeral, as they soon found out to their cost.

Diggins was a man's man — that's where he succeeded this year. He drove us, he led us, but he always went with us. He was one of us. He was game. He never once asked us to go in where he would not go himself.

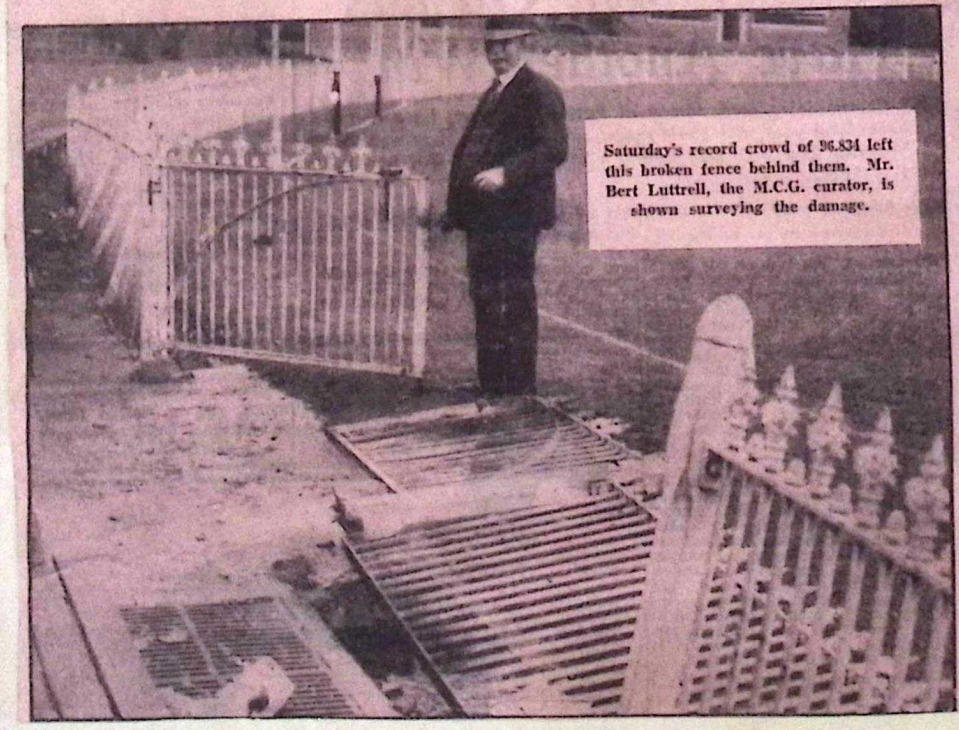
This might seem so many words, but they are sincere words. I might have said, in shorter fashion, that he won our confidence.

Behind Diggins was a hard-working committee — fellows who never once stopped thinking about our team and its possibilities.

Among the fellows there developed a keen social understanding. Ken Luke, our Big Chief, showed us how to enjoy life. We developed a brotherhood and comradeship that stood to us in a time of the big tests.

If you are buddies off the field, you are buddies on it. When things were going badly we stood together. We went into the finals with a feeling of confidence in ourselves and in each other. Our fellows had been picked over. Every man was ready to drop in his tracks.

AFTERMATH OF GRAND FINAL



Saturday's record crowd of 96,834 left this broken fence behind them. Mr. Bert Luttrell, the M.C.G. curator, is shown surveying the damage.

Interstate Schools Carnival

With the arrival of teams from Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland at the end of this week, the people of Melbourne will have an opportunity to see football—as played by the pick of Australian primary schools. These boys know the game, are thorough enthusiasts, and will be well worth watching.

THIS youth movement in football has the patronage of the respective State Leagues and the Australian National Football Council. It has been instrumental in the development of some of the finest players in the Commonwealth who cut their first football teeth under the guidance of the Primary Schools Council.

This is no haphazard arrangement, but a complete organisation through which boys are selected and controlled and given opportunities to widen their outlook by travel. Being at an impressionable age the educational value of these trips cannot be overestimated, and many Primary boys are thus given an opportunity that would not otherwise come their way.

Victorians will be interested to know that Albert Collier was the first Victorian School carnival captain and that Dick Reynolds got his urge to rise higher by representing Victoria in Perth.

The old boys are strongly represented in League football by players like George Bennett, Jack Hale, Horrie Dawson, Harold Albiston, Stan Spinks and Bob Williams.

One must admire the Queenslanders who come year after year and thereby continue the fight to establish the Australian game in the North. They are the real dyed-in-the-wool enthusiasts.

Decked in their State colors, these teams may be seen in action at the opening day, September 7, at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

They will continue on September 9 at Footscray, September 12 at Olympic Park, September 14 at M.C.G. and the concluding day at Olympic Park on September 16.

Under the billeting system these boys are placed under home conditions during their stay. This sound policy is often the basis of lifelong friendships and is heartly reciprocated when Victorian boys visit other States.

Victoria, the holders of the Carnival Trophy will have to fight very hard to retain their prestige. They have had a good innings, and a win by one of the visitors would be very encouraging for them.

The people of Melbourne have opened their doors to welcome these visitors, and there has been fine co-operation in working out a schedule for their entertainment.

The games will be well worth seeing and will provide good entertainment for those who love to see football played for the sake of the game alone.

Association Leader's Attack

MR. H. P. ZWAR, M.L.A., who makes a vigorous attack on the League.

THE THROW-PASS

S.A. League To Try Out New Rules

THERE is a diversity of opinion regarding the throw-pass in Australian Rules football in official League circles in Adelaide.

It is admitted that to permit throwing would make the game faster and more open, but it is considered by some officials that there would be a tendency for the game to develop into handball instead of football.

Using the flick-pass 14 years ago West Torrens developed a hand-passing system by which they took the ball from one end of the ground to the other without it being kicked until in the vicinity of the goal posts.

South Australians were greatly interested in figures given in "The Referee" recently showing the increase in attendances and gates at Victorian Association matches since the new rules have been introduced.

At a Council meeting of the S.A. Football League on August 1 it was decided to play an exhibition match under electric light to give delegates and the public an opportunity to see the effect of the throw-pass and other rules adopted by the Victorian Association.

ON THE AGENDA

The S.A. League will also place the rules concerned on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Australian National Football Council in Melbourne in November.

Those delegates who have seen the new rules operating in Victorian Association games in Melbourne were impressed by the elimination of scrimmages. They said the absence of congestion meant that the likelihood of injuries (which have been so frequent in S.A. League football matches this season) was considerably lessened.

Camberwell, a Victorian Association team, visited Adelaide this week. The S.A. Football League would not consent to a team from the League playing Camberwell, evidently fearing it would cause a breach with the Victorian League.

However, arrangements were made for a team from the S.A. Amateur League to play Camberwell on the Adelaide Oval. The S.A. Amateur League was anxious to see the two-handed pass and other new rules in operation.

It is possible that the S.A. Amateur League may get a break on the S.A. League and follow the Victorian Association new rules, which, it is contended, make the Australian game a faster and more attractive spectacle.

VICTORIA LAGS IN KICKING CONTEST

Americans Anxious

By H. A. de Lacy

The delay of the Victorian Football League in completing their end of the international kicking contest between themselves and the four Californian universities, has not been well received in the United States.

WHEN the international contest was mooted the Victorians and the Californians entered into the contest with the greatest enthusiasm. The American loves an international contest, and the League people were glad of the opportunity offered to create a talking point around our game in America.

There are still hopes that some day the game will be introduced into the United States by two Australian touring teams.

The Californians made an occasion of their end of the kicking. Their football coaches—and they are important people in America—went out of their way to boost the contest.

An interchange of balls was arranged. Then the first hitch in the negotiations occurred—the balls from the Victorian end were late in arriving.

Fearing that the delay would interfere with their football arrangements, one or two coaches threatened to withdraw. However, that was happily avoided.

The Californian universities registered their kicks in April. Stanford University won the American division, and one of their players, Bill Paulman, registered the wonderful distance of 79 yards 1 foot 11 inches with a place kick with an Australian football. This set a very high mark.

On July 16, the occasion of the interstate match between Western Australia and Victoria, the League held their drop and punt kicking sections of the kick. Time did not allow them to complete the place-kick section, nor the passing throwing section. Players from Western Australia and South Australia gave the kicking an all-Australian flavor.

As it was a team contest with team totals counting in drop kick, place kick, punt kick and passing sections with both the Australian and American footballs it could not be considered complete, nor could a decision be reached, until all sections were finalised.

Last week Mr L. H. McIlrick, secretary of the League, told us that he could not commit himself as to when the contest would be completed. There were matters for reference outstanding.

There the matter rests. The Californians have done their part faithfully, while the Victorians have frittered away the season without fulfilling their part of the contract.

The Americans are naturally disappointed that the League has not carried out the place-kick section, especially as the American representative, Paulman, registered such outstanding figures. Some American football scribes are asking whether the League have been frozen out by the kicking of Paulman.

However, an international contract is an international contract, and the Victorians should preserve their good name by immediately arranging for the place kicks and throwing sections to take place.

Says Barney Herbert-

"I have said it before, and I am saying it again now—I think the Association throw-pass code the finest set of rules I have seen in football. I intend to do all I can to have the rules adopted by the League without delay.

"The people who criticised the throw and the Association code have been given their heads. Where are we?—in a terrible mess. The time has arrived for clear thinking."

Carnival Time For Boys Is Not All Football

From the far north, south and west, youths of Australian State schools are being given an opportunity to display their football prowess on Melbourne grounds, and to gain through travel many fine lessons in the school of experience.

By Rod McGregor

ORGANISED under the Australian Primary State Schools Football Council, teams from the West, South Australia, Tasmania and Queensland have been received into the homes of Melbourne with open arms. Not only are they great little players, but they are great little gentlemen.

Those who have witnessed the matches have been impressed by the quality of the play and the irreproachable conduct of the boys on and off the field.

In them is seen the future of the Australian game, and names that now loom big in school football will later be the highlights of their State teams.

The Schools' Council ably assisted by their State leagues are doing a national job in building not only footballers, but Australian citizens.

With the centre in Melbourne the Victorian Football League has shown the keenest interest in the visitors. By receiving them officially, providing balls and umpires for the matches, and giving the boys an opportunity to witness the games of the final round, they have in every way co-operated with the local schools organisation in providing football atmosphere not surpassed in Australia.

Organisation Intense

The network of organisation which extends through the State school systems of Australia is both far-reaching and searching. Western Australia and Tasmania will serve as typical examples of how opportunities to the right boys are given to play and to learn by travel more about their Commonwealth.

Imagine in the West covering an area as big as the whole of Victoria and bringing into Perth for a Country Week carnival boys from Geraldton, Boulder and Albany and intervening places, and covering a half-circle with a radius of 350 miles. This carnival was completed just before the team left Western Australia, and in it are included Smart, from Katanning—down towards Albany; Ron Hindes, from the timber country in the south-west; and Evans, from Merredin, which is 150 miles east on the road to Melbourne.

What a great thing for W.A. football and what an experience for those youths.

In Tasmania they literally combed the State and those readers who know their apples can get some idea of the organisation necessary to collect and bring together into a team Garth Sankey, from Wesley Vale, near Devonport; Keith Brazendale, from Bothwell, in the Midlands; Max Horton, from Mengha, in the extreme North West; Len Hayes, from Sister Creek; Jock Allen, from Boat Harbor, near Wynyard; Ken Dick, also from Devonport area; Devlyn, from Woodbridge; Hutton, from Snug, and Max Shepherd, who "coom oop from Zumerset."

The Queenslanders are making a brave show to keep the flag flying in Brisbane. They never fail to appear and their love for the game is such that an opportunity to show what they can do is all they desire. Facing the hardest job of all, Queensland deserve the greatest credit for their pertinacity.

S.A. boys play the typical S.A. game. You can see the style working right through them. In their game against West they gained much sympathy through being penalised for using the "flick pass." Under League rules that is not accepted here and there was no option but to impose a penalty; but many felt that their attractive demonstration of this phase of the game had a great deal to recommend it.

Opportunities Unbounded

But all is not football. The Schools' Council has in its constitution a clause which states that the programme shall include items of the best educational value, and this is done. To be selected, a boy's ability to play must be backed by character, and being by regulation under 15 on August 1, he is at an impressionable age.

Away on such a trip a boy may lose touch with his school building, but he does not lose touch with education.

At that age a boy is as absorbent as a sponge and his intellect is sufficiently developed to take in practically everything. Admittedly, many of the things he takes in go to his stomach, but many more lasting impressions add to his knowledge of Australian conditions both economic and social.

As an example of what is done the boys will make a tour of the Railway Workshops at Newport on Thursday and see many things that most people in Melbourne know nothing about.

As each revolution of the wheels takes them north or west on the journey home they will understand more fully what railway transport means and realise the power of the "iron horse" in Australian development.

Carnival time in Melbourne is not all football by any means. It is a passing on of the torch, and although the responsibility of the organisers and the accompanying teachers is a big one, it is a job well worth doing. The teacher is constantly in attendance and is guide, philosopher and friend to these impressionable youths.

"The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts" and well may we quote that famous American poet who knew youth so well—

"I remember the black wharves and the ships,
And the sea-tides tossing free;
And the Spanish sailors with bearded lips,
And the beauty and mystery of the ships,
And the magic of the sea."

Heigho! What would we give to be young again?

When the Carnival is over and each boy is safely back at home, the story is not ended. In reality it is only begun.

SOME FOOTBALLERS OF THE FUTURE
Carnival Schoolboys

By ROD. McGREGOR

THE Australian Schools' Carnival just concluded at Melbourne and won outright by West Australia revealed some splendid types of young Australian manhood. With such material coming along there need be no fears for the future of the National Game.

IN the Western Australian team four boys stand out as distinct possibilities for their State side in a few years.

"Bud" Byfield, the captain, has all the finish of a full forward. A safe mark and ability, even at this age, to kick as well as many senior players, it seems only a matter of time before he takes a place in the W.A. team. He plays good cricket and has all the makings of an all-round sport.

I took a fancy to Ken Frankish, who looks the old type of half-forward come Anthony's either foot delivery caused endless trouble, especially to Victoria in the first match.

QUEENSLAND'S SHOW

Queensland are doing remarkably well. They are organising on the soundest lines and their interest is unbounded. In Spencer Webber they had one of the highlights of the carnival, and he was just beaten for the best and fairest player. Fast and dashing, he could have taken his place in any side and have improved it.

Don Lawler has the game at heart and kicks tremendously. He has something to learn in handling but the material is there. Roy Bonney was in everything and has a nose for the ball as if he had been born at Collingwood, while the handling and cleverness of Colin Day showed a familiarity not often seen in northern players.

Queensland have the right idea. Five of their old boys visited Melbourne recently with their State team. Organised on Victorian lines they catch them young and pass them on to higher grades, and are in every way deserving of encouragement.

This has been one of the best collections of boy footballers seen in Victoria and in looking over them I have no fear for the future of the game. If other States continue to show the progress shown in this carnival Victoria will have stern opposition to face in the National Carnival about six years hence.

Hard Luck! Johnny

VETERAN Johnny Lewis, hardworking Melbourne follower, and the Victorian League's oldest and biggest player, was to have figured in his 250th League game on Saturday, but a poisoned arm kept him out of the Melbourne side.

Lewis began with North Melbourne, for whom he played 205 games before transferring.

Though he is 36 years of age and is slowing down, he holds his place in the side for his valuable shepherding and hand-balling.

Hale Angers The Crowd

An enraged spectator threw a well-aimed clod of earth at the Victorian rover, Jack Hale when he placed the ball in the back pocket in the last quarter.

Hale resorted to this time-wasting move twice and made himself very unpopular by doing so. Victorian officials were among those who condemned the actions as scarcely ethical.

There is certainly no parallel for the ruse in interstate or league club football. The crowd was infuriated when it was done the first time, and when Hale repeated it some wanted to leap the fence.

The clod struck Hale on the side of the face.

Two Victorians Need Stitches

Dick Reynolds, Victoria's captain, and Hugh Torney were rushed to hospital immediately they had dressed after today's game.

Each had a wound in the chin which had to be stitched. The injuries are not serious, but it is not known whether either player will strip on Monday.

Torney's injury necessitated his leaving the field before the match was over.

Matthews, the Victorian wingman, tore a leg muscle and will not play on Monday.

Several of the W.A. players are bruised and sore. Brian Ryan started today's game with a doubtful arm, and this and a leg injury will keep him out on Monday. Truscott is also out of the running.

The Victorians intend to use all players that did not strip today in Monday's match. The W.A. side will not be picked until Monday.

B. Chandler played a solid game

Interstate Football

VICTORIANS FINISH TOO STRONGLY FOR LOCALS

Win Rugged Game By 20 Points

Clever Work Marred By Strong Wind

(By RON CLARKE)

WITH only one quarter left to play, Western Australia was within striking distance of Victoria in yesterday's interstate football.

But the local team was outgeneralled rather than outplayed in the final term, and Victoria won a tactical victory.

There is little doubt that smarter reasoning on the part of the visitors was responsible for their 20-point victory.

Western Australia should have avoided like the plague the north-eastern corner of the ground, where the gale-like wind constantly tended to take the ball.

It was here that too much of the play was concentrated when Western Australia was in attack with the wind.

Heartbreaking delays occurred while the ball was forced out of bounds dozens of times in every five minutes.

Victoria, when using the wind, made a more direct assault on the goal, with successful results.

It shows that the calibre of the home team's play was measurable with that of Victoria when our players scored two goals and one point against the wind, while Victoria drew a blank when it came to her turn to kick west.

The wind played tricks on all 36 players, and most of the time it was a case of kicking the ball and taking pot luck where it landed—with the luck of the bounce inclined to be with Victoria.

An exciting bit of play in yesterday's interstate football game.

Victoria finished the fresher team and its stars, quiet for the greater part of the game, came into their own in the closing stages.

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Bunton Always There

But on the ground W.A. more than held their own. Bunton was always there when wanted and when he had the ball there was no nonsense. Straight towards goal it was directed.

Systematic play was impossible to any extent. At times the players were merely playing "kick for kick" in midfield—and trusting to luck where the ball would land.

The much-advertised freak-flying goalsneak Todd was too seldom seen. The crowd cheered ironically when he took his first mark for two quarters, but it was a beautiful kick, without achieving any results.

Some real football was seen when Victoria piled on two quick goals—one to Reynolds and another to Crisp. The latter was the result of beautiful teamwork.

Held Scoreless

The crowd admired the style of Regan. The spelling tactics of the tall Victorian goalie should be an object lesson to some of our own clubmen. What he doesn't mark he stops the other man from marking.

Western Australia took a long time to bring its next goal on the board. "Try a long kick," the crowd suggested to Jack Murray when he marked on the half-forward line. Jack did, with good results.

The difference was eight points and at this stage it still looked anybody's game.

Puddey did a lot of work for the home team on the flank and most of it he was doing well. A newcomer to big football in Andrews, too, was constantly under notice.

Victoria failed to score in the second quarter. W.A., against the wind, managed a point, so there was some satisfaction in that, even though the home side was lagging by eight points at half time.

For Victoria, Ware and Matthews were a solid pair. Both handled the greasy ball with assurance. It seemed that W.A. would have to watch these two men in the second half.

Bumps Exchanged

Victoria wasted no time in getting into attack after the long interval. This was the quarter in which they had to pile up a winning score.

I felt that their tactics with the wind were superior to those of the home side. Victoria made a more direct line for the goal. Too often Western Australia—with persuasion of course—were floundering about in the north-eastern pocket.

Bumps started to be freely exchanged before the third quarter had gone far. And Western Australia, the much lighter side, was not coming off worst.

Thrills in the Western Australian

How Victoria Beat W.A.

(Continued from previous column)

goalfront! Brilliant play by teammates brought the ball to Doig, only 20 yards out, but the wind tore the ball from its course.

It must be admitted that Victoria were superior in the air. Graham, particularly, impressed with some beautiful aerial captures.

FINAL SCORES

VICTORIA	11.9 (75 points)
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	7.13 (55 points)

Western Australia might fare better on Monday if weather conditions improve.

Yesterday they were beaten but by no means disgraced.

Not even in the memory of old-timers has Wester Australia offered a touring side such a foul day for football. Considering the amount of rain that had fallen in the last few days, however, the condition of the ground was quite good. The wind presented the problem.

Possibly Victoria felt more at home under the conditions than did Western Australia, as a high wind is not uncommon during the Melbourne season.

The intensity of the wind was such that a ball kicked with a bit of vim from near the centre line wafted down to the eastern goalmouth with little trouble.

That is probably why Victoria, who won the toss and kicked down wind, wasted little time with short passes.

Western Australia can thank Sinclair for stopping a Victorian score in the first few seconds.

Two dashing saves brought the crowd to their toes.

The W.A men were tenacious. Twice they battled the ball up the field in the teeth of the gale.

The match had gone 10 minutes before the visitors could break through the defence, Crisp finding the right opening. This apparently broke the ice for the visitors were soon again in attack and Thomas (vice-captain) executed a clever turn to secure the possible.

Western Australia, in these opening few minutes, appeared to me to be faster to the ball and able to handle the difficult conditions better.

A mistake by Starr was nearly disastrous for W.A. He miskicked right into the hands of Thomas, facing an open goal.

Providentially, Thomas miskicked, too.

Like Terriers

Western Australia's team may have been a makeshift one but in that opening quarter they were certainly as tenacious as terriers.

The stern note of the match was relieved when Keith Shea took a mud bath in the waterlogged cricket pitch.

The morass was annoying Shea. He seemed to be always in it.

Matthews (Vic.) is a polished footballer. It was a treat to watch him gauge the flight of the ball to a nicety. The marks he took were amongst the few spectacular ones of the quarter.

I am afraid that none of the players or spectators was thinking of possible benefits accruing to the farmer when a terrific downpour of rain swept over the ground.

Under the watery barrage Vic. captain Reynolds put through a nice goal.

Murray was a grim fighter in Western Australia's interests. Brian Ryan, too, was giving him able support.

Doig Opens

It was surprising to find that the gigantic Dyer kept so subdued. Other Victorian stellars, too, had not shone out to this stage.

W.A.'s first score, a point, came from the boot of George Doig a minute before time. A goal, naturally, would have been more handy.

Two Flags!

The wear and tear on the city goal was extensive.

Western Australia, kicking with the wind, had the ball within striking distance early after the quarter's commencement but only points resulted. Cordner was a snag to the local men and Torney flashed into prominence with a lovely mark in defence.

Two flags waving for W.A.—a welcome sight!

George Doig was the agent and the goal was the result of a nice mark and kick.

W.A. were attacking like tigers. It was not long before Doig flashed through to put No. 2 on the board—a neat snap.

Dyer took a belated hand at this stage and relieved the tension for the visitors. Grant turned another local move.

Doig brought up the home side's third goal after the Vic. keeper had unsuccessfully claimed the mark.

The strength of the wind was increasing. The ball was almost unmanageable. Under the circumstances the football was of a high standard.

Once Graham, of Victoria, kicked a nice hard dropkick. The wind took it back over his head. Play was confined to the north-eastern boundary for long minutes and the boundary umpire was the busiest man on the field.

Western Australia were having all the play. They just couldn't seem to get the luck of the bounce in front of goal.

Brilliant for Western Australia were Puddey and Starr.

Twice the ball shot up to the Victorian goalfront, only to see Chandler effect brilliant saves.

Twice, too, did W.A. have bad luck when the ball hit the base of the goalpost. Goals, at this stage, would have made a lot of difference.

Western Australia's kicking was not up to standard. There were ample opportunities for long, driving kicks down with the wind, but too many kicks went astray.

Victoria were finishing the better.

At last W.A. broke through, and Doig tried a long shot which Regan just touched.

Twice Hale marked for Victoria when the situation looked dangerous, and each time he placed the ball to the annoyance of the crowd.

THE TEAMS

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Backs: Strang, Chandler, Thomas.
Half-backs: Sinclair, Starr, Andrews.
Centres: Miller, Hutchinson, Puddey.
Half-forwards: Shea, Jenkins, Truscot.
Forwards: Ryan, G. Doig, Henfry.
Ruck: Reilly, Murray; Rover: Lunton; 19th man: H. Smith.

VICTORIA

Backs: Treweek, Regan, Lloyd.
Half-backs: Grant, Graham, Ware.
Centres: Kelly, Cordner, Matthews.
Half-forwards: Reynolds, Baggott, Crisp.
Forwards: Harris, Todd, Thomas.
Ruck: Dyer, Torney.
Rover: Hall.
Nineteenth man: Muller.

Against Wind

One of the most thrilling passages of football occurred when W.A. whisked the ball from goalmouth to goalmouth with the move foundering right at the psychological moment.

Jenkins and Sinclair were constantly under notice for W.A. in this term.

Two goals against the wind by W.A. was a highlight at this stage. George Doig got the first after marking within easy distance, and Henfry the next, from almost the identical position.

These majors were timely. They put new heart into the locals, who were 29 points in arrears at the end of the term.

The crowd was in a simmer of excitement as players bounded into action for the last term. W.A. had a great chance with a few quick goals.

But Victoria are brilliant playing defensive football. They always have been.

For agonising minutes W.A. could make no headway, and then sensation Jenkins kicked from the far wing. Regan and other full-backs misjudged the flight of the ball and the bounce did the rest.

It was a lucky, but none the less valuable, goal.

More minutes went by while Victoria kept the ball in mid-field. Victoria were fighting like tigers. But Western Australia did not let up.

Reynolds was playing a true skipper's part—cool, resourceful. He steadied down the game just when things looked serious for the visitors.

Fretful delays—from the W.A. viewpoint—occurred while the ball hung in the forward pocket. Victorian men were crowding the ball, and W.A. could not extricate it.

It was tactics, of course, to waste time, but they were tactics extremely unpopular with the crowd.

Five minutes to go and Victoria had the game in its keeping. The ball was kept to the grandstand wing, and try as they could, Western Australia could do nothing to alter the position.

The game finished tamely with Victoria ahead by 20 points.

There was not even a cheer at the bell.

The crowd was apparently too cold for marked demonstration, but perhaps more disappointed with W.A.'s inability to make any headway in the final term with a gale behind them.

FULL BACK ON HIS BACK

"TAKE IT EASY" was the instruction given today to the visiting Victorian footballers, who will meet Western Australia tomorrow. Jack Regan, outstanding full-back, takes it lying down.

FOOTBALL FAN FARE

Three men in the football public's eye, commencing with Ross Hutchinson, W.A captain-coach for the game against Victoria (below) . . .

State captains shake hands before big match starts at Subiaco Oval yesterday. The wind is playing havoc with Ross Hutchinson's hair, but Dick Reynolds, the Victorian skipper, is as immaculate as ever.

Continuing with Dick Reynolds, Victoria's captain, who first came to W.A. as a schoolboy in 1929 . . .

While youthful Subiaco centreman Fred Williams sits quietly reading in the Subiaco clubrooms today, five Victorian football clubs are trying to outdo each other with attractive offers to him to leave this State.

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George Doig

George Doig was one of the heroes in yesterday's interstate football match between Victoria and Western Australia. With the visitors six goals in front, George opened the score for Western Australia, kicking the first three goals.

Freak [illegible] sneak, [illegible] Todd, is 6.11, an amazing mark, has scored 60 goals in Victoria this season.

Just a mere 6.4 is Hugh Torney, great follower who is also paying his first visit to the West. He has been described this season as Victoria's best follower.

Vics' skipper, Dick Reynolds, stylish rover and half forward, has won Brownlow Medal on three occasions.

Norman Ware stands 6ft. 3in., scales 14.2, is a powerful follower with the Vics.

VICTORIAN GIANTS

. . . and ending with rover Jack Hale, who, while far from one of the biggest Victorians, is one of the most rugged. His selection for tomorrow's game is in doubt because of an injury, but he will probably be included.

Dashing right winger Herbie Matthews in action again Western Australia at Subiaco today.

FOOTBALL

Vic. Leaders Praise Us

The style of West Australian football had definitely improved during the past two years, said Dick Reynolds, Victorian captain, today.

He and Mr. A. E. Dummett, the team's manager and chairman of Victorian selectors, were loud in their praise of the way Western Australia answered Victoria's challenge yesterday.

"The W.A. boys played real Victorian-style football in the way they used 'come-through' tactics and exploited their pace right to the end," said the manager.

Reynolds, who was here with the carnival team in 1937, said he felt that West Australian football was distinctly better judging by the two performances and realising the fact that the State was without a number of leading players for this year's games.

"I think that by the way the younger players performed, W.A. must have a formidable side for the 1940 carnival at Hobart," Reynolds said.

"If the improvement continues, and the material there suggests it will, the other States will be hard pressed to beat you."

Among the players singled out for special mention by the two Victorian leaders were E. Henfry F. Jenkins, C. Strang and S. Sinclair.

IMPROVED

Jenkins and Sinclair, in their opinion, were ever better than they showed with the W.A. team in Melbourne last year. They were greatly impressed by the performances of Henfry and Strang considering that it was their first test in interstate company.

Commenting on the play yesterday particularly after half-time, Mr. Dummett said that Western Australia fully deserved thtir win as their stayle of play, so closely resembling Victorian methods and combined with pace, made them the better side on the day.

Apart altogether from the football side of the tour the captain and manager said that all the players, irrespective of any injuries, voted the trip a 100 per cent. success.

"This State beats them all from a hospitality point of view" said Captain Reynolds.

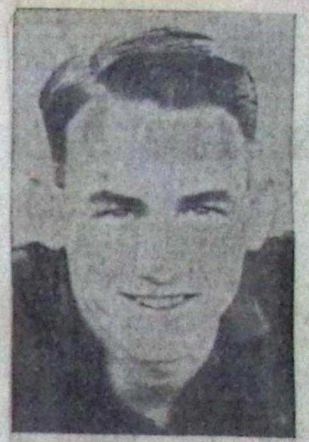
Micky Crisp, who received a severe cheek injury when he collided with one of his team-mates, is waiting the result of an X-ray examination.

First thing today Crisp who said he was feeling a lot better than yesterday, visited the hospital where X-ray photographs were taken to ascertain whether the cheek bone has been fractured.

The Victorians took a reluctant farewell this afternoon.

Their final appearance will be made at Adelaide Oval next Saturday.

J. Dyer flies for the ball



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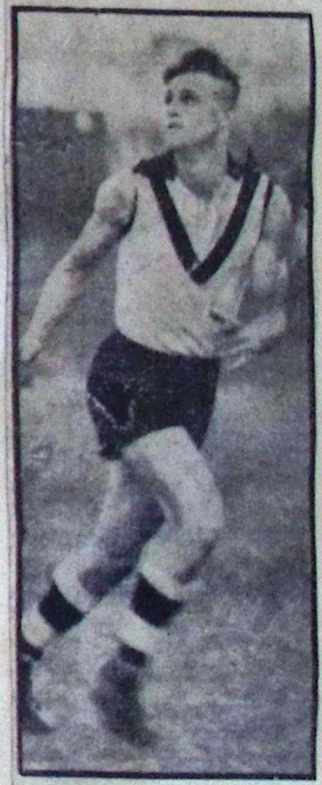


JENKINS

Jenkins Gets Good Offer

(By Harry Potter)

Frank Jenkins, brilliant young South Fremantle player, is being offered exceptionally attractive terms to transfer to Victoria.

"A marvellous offer—you could not believe it possible," was the way the proposition was described in one quarter.

Jenkins received tempting inducements when on tour with the State side last year and Victorian clubs have never given up hope that he would change his mind; but they have found the champion difficult to persuade.

Henfry, Starr, Strang and Sinclair have won the admiration of the Victorians as the result of their dashing performances in the two matches.

They are the type for Victorian football, and attempts have been made to get them to transfer.

Definite terms have been offered in several cases.

Apart from all else, the strictness of the interstate permit regulations puts a big obstacle in the way. Players do not like the risk of having to wait 12 months for a clearance.

MANY RUMOURS

There have been so many rumours about the signing up of stars by W.A. and Victorian clubs that if they were all to take effect there would be mass migration of football talent in each direction.

So far, however, the only definite capture made by the visitors is Fred Williams, of Subiaco club. A berth has been booked for him aboard tomorrow's plane.

Piracy attempts have not all been on the Victorian side.

Norman Ware, the big Footscray follower; Jack Graham, South Melbourne's champion, and Herby Matthews, South's wingman, have been sounded out, while Cordner was approached early.

There have also been "feelers" out for other players.

The idea of Jack Dyer leaving Richmond is considered to be out of the question and negotiations with him are regarded as a waste of time.

Nothing may emerge from these discussions for the time being, but it would not surprise if by next season one or two of Victoria's present side are playing with local clubs.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TEAM TO MEET VIC.

THE Western Australian League selectors announce 23 players, from whom the final 18 will be chosen for Saturday's big interstate game at Subiaco Oval between Victoria and Western Australia. They are R. Hutchinson (capt.), B. Ryan (vice-capt.), G. Doig, A. Strang, R. McGlinn, K. Seubert, G. Krepp, S. Sinclair, H. Andrews, R. Starr, F. Ward, R. Thomas, F. Jenkins, J. Reilly, W. Truscott, B. Chandler, D. Doig, H. Bunton, K. Shea, E. O'Keefe, F. Puddey, J. Murray, and L. Hardiman.

Victorians For W.A. and S.A.

INCLUDING the 24 players from the 12 League clubs, League delegates, and others, a party of 45 left Melbourne on Sunday night by Adelaide express to carry the banner of the Victorian League to Western Australia and South Australia.

Two matches will be played in Perth, one next Saturday and the other on Monday. That against South Australia will be played at Adelaide on July 1.

With her splendid resources in individual talent the Victorians should win all three matches.

Victoria has won 15 of the 19 matches played against W.A. in Perth and Melbourne, and 49 of the 69 against South Australia. —H. O. Balfe.

The Victorian captain, R. Reynolds (right) talking to H. Bunton at Subiaco Oval yesterday. These two players are the only footballers who have won the Brownlow medal three times.

GEORGE VAUTIN, WONDER BOY

Represented Tasmania and Victoria

By BOB DAWES

I have been very interested in the articles written by Pat O'Neill about Tasmanian athletes of the past, and particularly the one relating to Claude Bryan. It recalled memories of days long before Pat's time; that is, judging by the men he has written about. Yes, Bryan must have been a great player. But I would like to tell readers about another star who scintillated in big football when in his teens—George Vautin.

TWO MINDS with but a single thought. Simultaneously Park (No. 26) Carlton soars with O'Keefe, of Melbourne, during the game at Carlton.

Victoria.

Backs: Treweek, Regan, Lloyd.
Half-backs: Ware, Graham, Grant.
Centres: Kelly, Cordner, Matthews.
Half-forwards: Crisp, Baggott, Reynolds.
Forwards: L. Thomas, Todd, Harris.
Ruck: Torney, Dyer, Hale (rover).
Nineteenth man: Muller (replaced Torney, cut chin, in last quarter).

Western Australia.

Backs: Strang, Chandler, R. Thomas.
Half-backs: Sinclair, Starr, Andrews.
Centres: Miller, Hutchinson, Puddey.
Half-forwards: Shea, Jenkins, Truscott.
Forwards: B. Ryan, G. Doig, Henfry.
Ruck: Reilly, Murray, Bunton (rover).
Nineteenth man: H. Smith (replaced Truscott, injured hip, at half-time).
UMPIRE.—G. Owens.

June 21, 1939.

MAJORITY WANT THROW IN LEAGUE

Cancelled Rules Are Favored

By H. A. de LACY

THE plebiscite conducted among our readers to decide the pros and cons of the new holding-the-ball rule of the Victorian Football League has resulted in a unanimous poll against the retention of the rule.

Among the thousands who voted, only two readers supported the rule. Hundreds of readers wrote expressing their dismay at the trend of the League game and their disgust at the kicking in the packs, tear-down tactics being adopted.

THE result of the vote leaves no doubt that the Victorian Football League did the wrong thing when it voted for the adoption of the holding-the-ball rule at the November meeting of the Australian Football Council. This rule, as is generally known, awards a free kick against the player in possession of the ball who fails to hand-ball or kick the ball but drops it when tackled by an opponent.

It is certainly to the credit of the League that they realised their mistake and tried to have the measure repealed before the season began. However, second thoughts were no good. The rule stood.

According to the rules of the Australian Council, it must be retained during the season, for no rule may be altered during a season.

HOWEVER, BY THIS TIME THE LEAGUE SHOULD KNOW JUST WHERE THE PATRONS OF ITS GAME STAND IN REGARD TO THIS FOLLY.

After the experiences of this season, and the salutary lesson they have received, we may confidently expect that in the future the League will give more matured consideration to measures brought before them for adoption into the code.

The opportunity to express an opinion on the rule resulted in hundreds of letters from readers, each fertile with ideas for the betterment of the game.

Four out of every five readers want the throw-pass of the Association adopted. This convincing expression of opinion shows that, while in many instances club loyalties to League attachments remain undisturbed, the excellence of the Association throw-pass code has been universally recognised.

Of the remaining readers who wrote, a few favor the return to the rules of game that operated before the much discussed Australian Council meeting took place at Hobart in 1924 and altered the boundary rule and banned the flick pass.

Others are opposed to the throw-pass. Many offered suggestions for the improvement of football by the institution of lines to enforce the players to keep their positions.

All but one reader expressed thanks that they had been given the opportunity of expressing themselves on the game.

Since we must have a minority in all cases, one reader, of Murrumbeena, who prefers to be referred to as "Disgusted," voiced his protest on the manner in which we have discussed the rules, which apparently he favors.

FIRST QUARTER.

Victoria	3	5	23
Western Australia	—	3	3

Goalkickers: Victoria, Tood (3).

When the second term started, W.A. began to find great difficulty in matching Victoria on the ball.

FOREST OF ARMS grope for the ball at Carlton. J. Mueller, Melbourne's vice-captain (highest hand), beats Hollingshead and Wrout, of Carlton, to spoil what might have been a mark.

GOOD HANDBALL BY OUR MEN

There was nothing to suggest that rough measures were contemplated, but the locals met Victoria with all the ruggedness at their command.

A nice feature of their game was the handball, which got them out of a lot of bother. But even in the rugged passages, they showed no respect for the bigger men of the other side.

Regan was brilliant in keeping out an aggressive opposition in the next few minutes.

The Victorians began to look more dangerous as their high marks came into action. They were being assisted by W.A.'s haphazard kicking.

The locals needed to keep the ball closer to the ground. Their tactics allowed Fischer, Dyer, Regan and Ware to show their efficiency above ground.

TODD SHOWS HIS TRUE FORM

Todd was a different player today and was alert to every chance of scoring, with Victoria making him the objective.

Local backs always had their work cut out, but W.A. always had a terrific time to get past Regan.

Our centre line was again playing strongly, with Miller and Hutchinson greatly improved.

Our pace was the main trouble to our opponents. They had W.A. well beaten in the air.

With the end of the term approaching, W.A. were 19 points behind.

The showing of the home men was commendable, but there was nothing to suggest, so far, that Victoria would be beaten. They were playing confidently.

W.A. MEN FLURRIED

Twice the Victorians had recorded posters and W.A. had one to their list. Constantly harassed by alert opponents, W.A. continued to deliver the ball hurriedly and played into the visitor's hands.

W.A. spurted half-way through the term, but they had as much difficulty in finding the goal as the Victorians. So far there had been 19 scoring shots and only four of them had produced goals.

Victoria now had trouble in keeping W.A. out of the scoring area. Our defence was solid, but the forwards found themselves opposed to tigerish backs, who allowed them no latitude whatever.

Todd delighted the crowd with a prodigious punt. He kicked from the half-forward line and the ball went above the goalpost. He had kicked all Victoria's goals.

W.A. continued to suffer the penalty of misdirected kicking when going into attack. They were giving the Victorian backs a picnic.

Brilliant work was done by Graham, Grant and other defenders. Our best player to half-time was Strang, while Sinclair was also solid.

HALF-TIME

	Gls.	Bhds.	Pts.
Victoria	4	10	34
Western Australia	2	8	20

Goalkickers.—Victoria: Todd, W.A.: Broom, Screaigh.

THE TEAMS

VICTORIA

Backs: Lloyd, Regan, Adamson.
Half-backs: Ware, Grant, Hall.
Centres: Kelly, Spinks, Muller.
Half-forwards: Crisp, Graham, Reynolds.
Forwards: L. Thomas, Todd, Harris.
Ruck: Dyer, Fischer, J. Ryan (rover).
Nineteenth man: Treweek.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Backs: Strang, Chandler, D. Doig.
Half-backs: Sinclair, Starr, Andrews.
Centres: Hiller, Hutchinson, Puddey.
Half-forwards: Shea, Jenkins, Henfry.
Forwards: Broom, G. Doig, Screaigh.
Ruck: Reilly, O'Keefe, McGlinn (rover).
Nineteenth man: Thomas.

The ground was in remarkably good condition except for the pitches, which were heavy.

At 2.30 the attendance appeared to be substantially ahead of Saturday's figure. There was the inevitable joke about the ground that many grandmothers must have passed away this afternoon.

Today the wind favoured the south-east corner.

Victoria again won the toss.

W.A. began by taking the initiative at the bounce, but Hall kept them out and it was flashed to the other end for a point from Todd.

Through Puddey to Shea and on to Jenkins and Broom, W.A. got the answering single.

W.A. prevented the break-away and Doig left Regan behind to shoot from the half-forward line. The ball trickled through the behind line.

The Daily News, Monday,

Todd

June 26, 1939

Gives Victorians Handy Lead

(By Harry Potter)

Todd, a vastly different player today, scored the three goals which gave Victorians a handy lead in the first quarter of the return game with Western Australia at Subiaco Oval today.

Excellent handball by the local men was offset by haphazard kicking, which helped the Victorian high-markers. The W.A. pace worried the visitors, but they were far superior in the air. Quarter scores were 3.5 to three points.

Conditions were remarkably good today, but many players showed obvious signs of Saturday's gruelling game.

The W.A. selectors had no easy task in placing their side with the material available. They brought in Screaigh as second rover as well as Broom, D. Doig, O'Keefe and McGlinn, while Thomas became 19th man. As well as injured players, H. Smith was not available.

The Victorians departed from their announced side only in respect of the 19th man. Cordner was to be the reserve, but he was found to have a leg injury and Treweek was made 19th.

SCREAIGH GOALS

visitors were efficient in all branches of the game.

The game was at an awkward stage when a ray of hope emerged with a goal from Screaigh. The score ended a move beginning with a free kick to O'Keefe.

Henfry played dashingly to get through a crush, and sent the ball down to the East Perth rover, who was right in front and snapped the ball through with his left foot.

Players of both sides appeared fatigued. The gruelling conditions of the opening day appeared certain to take severe toll before the game was finished.

W.A. could not hope to bridge the margin in scores until they found a counter to Victoria's superiority in the air.

R. HUTCHINSON.
West Australian Captain.

Former W.A. Stars with Dons

ESSENDON'S team on Saturday had quite a Westralian flavor, when Norman Doig joined his comrades, Wally Buttsworth and Ernie Coward, former players from the western State.

Buttsworth played his usual sound game in goal, while Coward on the wing played brilliant football in opposition to Maher, the Melbourne wing.

Doig, who was having his first League game, also impressed in the back pocket. He displayed cleverness in ground work, guarded his opponent closely and revealed sound knowledge of the requirements of a back pocket player. He was assisted from the field in the closing stages with an ankle injury, but disclosed sufficient ability to make his position assured for the next game.

Freak Goalkicker

Interstate football fans are in for a treat if Ron Todd, the Collingwood centre forward, who will lead the Victorian attack during the tour of Western Australia and South Australia, strikes his best form.

Todd is the most spectacular mark in football. He combines a freakishness with a sense of anticipation that rattles defenders.

In going for a mark Ron literally throws himself into the air, and his legs follow the weirdest antics in his efforts to maintain balance.

This might be due to the fact that he practises his spring over a high jumping apparatus, where he has schooled himself to throw his shoulders and hips into the air. His arms are outstretched when he goes for a mark and his legs and feet are anywhere.

Todd is a particularly fast man on the ground. His long stride again gives him a characteristic that cannot be mistaken.

He has kicked 61 goals this season. The one department in which you can fault Todd is in his kicking, which results in him converting only 60 per cent. of his chances.

Todd has to thank his impulsiveness for a lot of his success. His Collingwood team mates respond quickly to his mood.

AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF SPOILING A MARK as demonstrated in rather an accidental manner by a Melbourne player in the League game at Carlton. The Melbourne player might easily have asked — "Guess who this is?"

G. Doig, the West Australian goalsneak

FOOTBALL.

PORT ADELAIDE HISTORY.

Previous Games in This State.

The Port Adelaide team will visit Perth to play a combined team from the West Australian Football League on July 26, and a match against the Goldfields league on Sunday, July 30. Some of the best footballers in South Australia will be seen in the visiting team. Port Adelaide, which at present is a leading team in South Australia, has sent two teams to Perth previously.

Port Adelaide was the first team from the Eastern States to visit Western Australia—in 1910. It arrived by the Karoola. On arrival at Fremantle representatives of the West Australian Football League and the East Fremantle club met the visitors, and they were later given a reception at the Fremantle Town Hall by the Mayor and councillors of Fremantle. Mr. H. Flindell, secretary of the East Fremantle club, took the party in hand. On their arrival at Perth the players were given a reception by the league, and later practised on Perth Oval. That same night the party left for Kalgoorlie. After an inspection of the mines the visitors met several ex-members of the Port Adelaide club who were living at Kalgoorlie at that time. Included were Vince Covacevich, Hughie Linklater, Ernie Jones, the famous Australian fast bowler, Albert and Bill Schwan, Charlie Dunstan and Jimmy Alexander.

On July 31, for the first time in the history of the game, a team from South Australia met a West Australian combination in Western Australia. Between six and seven thousand persons attended the Boulder Recreation Reserve. It was a fast and strenuous game, clean and cleverly played. The Goldfields won by 12.12 to 9.13. The gate takings were £309, considered a record for Western Australia at the time. At 5 p.m. the next day the visitors then left for the coast. The second match, owing to a tramway strike, had poor patronage.

HIGH MARKING IN THE HAWTHORN v South Melbourne Australian Rules match in Melbourne on Saturday. Mullenger (S.M.), high on the left, and Evans (centre), are going for a mark, with a Hawthorn defender (obscured). Smith, of South Melbourne, is expectant in the foreground.

J. Regan, the Victorian goalkeeper, and J. Reilly, a West Australian ruck, leap for a mark. G. Doig (W.A.) waits for the crumbs during the second match. The other player is S. Lloyd (Victoria).

F. Jenkins, the West Australian centre half-forward kicks a goal while J. Regan (Victoria) attempts to spoil. The other player is S. Broom (W.A.) The incident is in Monday's match.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.—A brilliant mark by an Essendon man in the game against Melbourne at the M.C.G

R. REYNOLDS.
Captain of the Victorian Football Team.

Results of Matches Between Victoria and W.A.

Year.	Ground.	Scores: Victoria. G.	B.	W.A. G.	B.
1904	Melbourne	14	10	8	12
1908	Melbourne (carnival)	13	22	6	8
1911	Adelaide (carnival)	10	15	8	9
1914	Sydney (carnival)	13	16	11	14
1921	Subiaco (carnival)	6	11	6	16
1924	Hobart (carnival)	15	13	14	11
1925	Melbourne	22	11	8	10
1926	Perth Oval	7	14	9	5
1926	Subiaco Oval	10	8	11	10
1927	Melbourne (carnival)	11	19	13	12
1928	Melbourne	15	20	6	9
1929	Perth Oval	15	19	13	8
1929	Perth Oval	5	9	5	12
1930	Adelaide (carnival)	10	10	9	8
1933	Sydney (carnival)	14	16	12	13
1935	Perth Oval	18	18	13	10
1935	Leederville Oval	12	13	11	6
1937	Subiaco (carnival)	14	13	13	11
1938	Melbourne	22	13	17	21
1939	Subiaco Oval	11	9	7	13
1939	Subiaco Oval	10	15	11	21

(It is interesting to note that Western Australia has defeated South Australia on 17 occasions.)

ROVERS IMPROVE

A FEATURE in Victorian League is the discovery of some promising new rovers. At Footscray, HARRY HICKEY and JOE RYAN, in the first season, have done wonders.

Little ALLAN KILLIGREW came down from Murtoa a few weeks ago and has been mentioned as one of St. Kilda's best in his three matches.

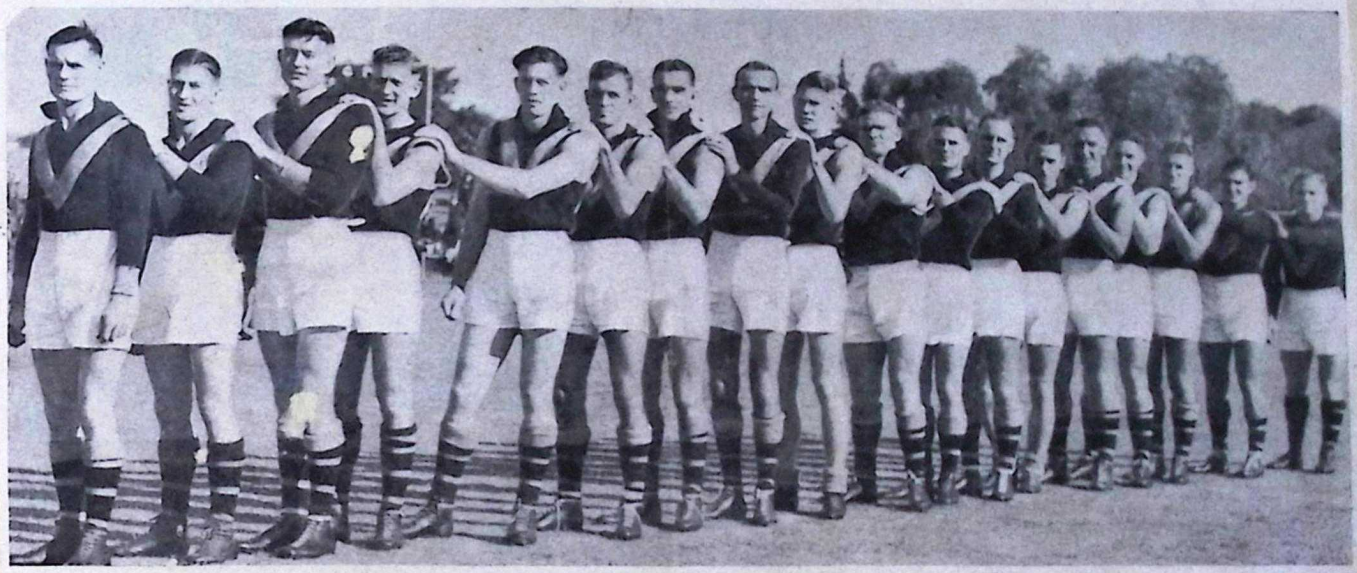
PRICE (Carlton) and BARASSI (Melbourne), who were recruited last season, have improved greatly.

VICTORIA v. WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL: An incident during the second match between Victoria and Western Australia at Subiaco Oval last Monday. The tables were turned at this match when Western Australia won. Three players leap for a mark on the West Australian forward lines and G. Doig, the West Australian goalsneak (left), and S. Lloyd, a Victorian back, wait for the crumbs.

West Australian League Footballers

The teams for 1939 of the clubs which comprise the West Au stralian Football League.



CLAREMONT (Premiers in 1938).
Left to right : G. Moloney (Captain), S. Headon, J. Reeves, J. Compton, W. Sutherland, J. Reid, B. Bermingham, S. Clarke, H. Guthrie, M. Gibson, S. Moloney, H. Boys, J. Edmeades, R. Heusler, I. Grieve, N. Hunt, T. Serjeant and J. Hooper.

R. HUTCHINSON.

H. Bunton

EAST FREMANTLE.
Left to right : B. Beccaria, V. Donegan, S. Storer, C. Doig, C. Strang, A. Ebbs, K. Seubert, L. Hunter, K. Mackay, G. Doig, C. Briggs, G. Prince, J. Clark, J. Migro, D. Gabrielson, J. Sandford, R. McGlinn and R Hutchinson (Captain).

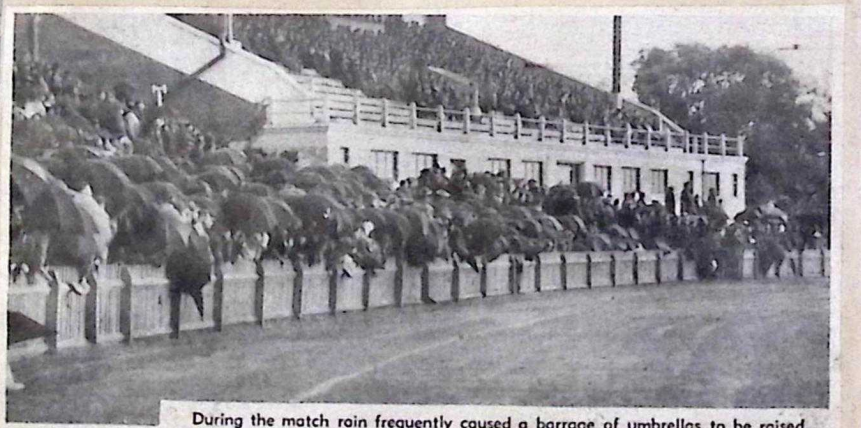
When East Met West

Out of bounds. J. Graham (Victoria) has the ball. Behind him is F. Jenkins (W.A.) and the other players are E. Henfry (W.A.), left, and S. Lloyd (Victoria).

SOUTH FREMANTLE.
Left to right : B. Chandler (Captain), L. Burkett, A. Richardson, C. Weston, S. Poole, J. Coleman, D. Doig, P. Dodd, W. Kenny, J. Mills, N. Lewington, P. Renfrey, A. Mathews, J. Reilly and F. Jenkins.

PERTH.
Left to right : F. Puddey, W. McKenzie, A. Gook, M. Hilsz, E. Ransom, E. Henfrey, P. Fitzgerald, R. Rundell, H. Hatton, R. Love, A. Lewis, W. Williams, W. Haddleton, G. Bailey, C. Keightley, A. Grigg, H. Davey, D. Oliphant and A. Robertson (Captain).

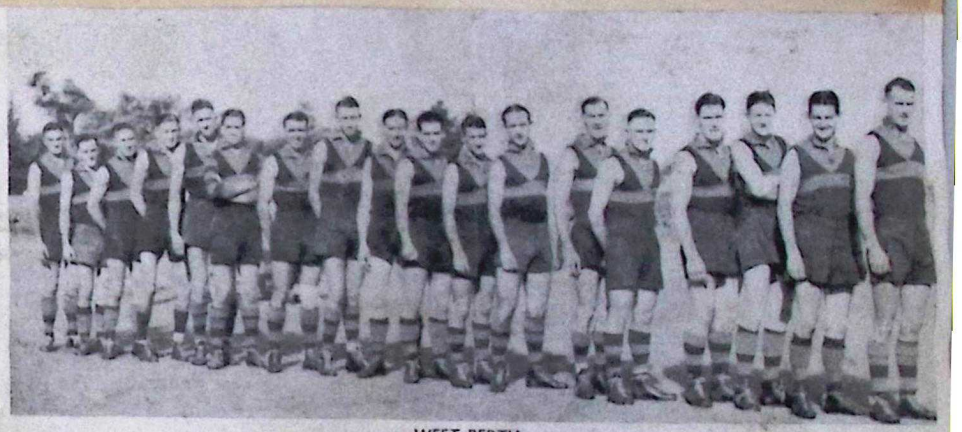
B. Ryan (W.A.), right, and H. Torney (Victoria) fly for the ball when Victoria was in attack in the first quarter. W. Truscott (W.A.) and N. Ware (Victoria) wait for the crumbs.



During the match rain frequently caused a barrage of umbrellas to be raised.

In spite of the rain some of the barrackers smiled at incidents in the game.

SUBIACO.
H. Bunton, A. Fisher, L. Toll, K. Cumming, A. Bennett, M. McCallum, R. Allen, O. Leitch, K. Shea (Captain), D. McNaughton, F. Williams, A. Brewer, M. Roe, J. Bowe, L. Hardiman, L. Strack, L. Mills and B. Smith.



WEST PERTH.
Left to right : N. Cook, W. Turner, M. Jeavons, W. Robinson, V. Lemon, J. Caddy, J. Davies, W. Golding, E. O'Keefe, B. Bridges, S. Heal, C. Campbell, P. Walsh, W. Kingsbury, N. McDiarmid, L. V. Walsh, E. Tyson, and M. Tetley (Captain).

SWAN DISTRICTS.
Left to right : G. Krepp, F. Sweetapple, N. Chester, J. O'Neill, W. Wicks, J. Bastow, J. Clarke, S. Sinclair, T. Darmody, J. Gray, A. R. Maynard, C. Rosewarne, H. Masey and J. Ditchburn (Captain).

EAST PERTH.
Left to right : D. Cronin (Captain), B. Ryan, R. Graham, S. Broom, A. Argent, A. Gardiner, R. Starr, P. Lockyer, J. Campbell, A. Mussman, G. Fogarty, H. Smith, R. Thomas, B. Skahill, D. Miller, F. Patterson, E. Sweet, and Screaigh.

REVIEW OF PAST MATCHES.

The Traditions of the Game.

AUSTRALIAN national football was founded in Victoria by the late Mr. H. C. A. Harrison. At that time, about 70 years ago, the two forms of English football were firmly established, so that the production of a new code was a remarkable achievement. Since its foundation Australian football has never looked back. Its popularity today is tremendous and it stands unrivalled as Australia's national game.

No longer in its infancy, and having achieved such popularity, Australian national football can now take its place with the great games in the world of sport. Although its traditions are not as venerable as those of cricket, yet it definitely has built up high traditions. Just as in cricket great names such as those of Dr. W. G. Grace stand out and are revered, so in Australian football there have been men whose names and deeds will be remembered as long as the game is played—men such as the "Father of the Game" (the late Mr. H. C. A. Harrison), Phil Matson, Ivo Crapp (the Prince of Umpires), "Hubba" Limb, Jack Cashman, and, of the present players, Haydn Bunton and R. Reynolds.

The traditions of the game are very strong in Victoria, which might be termed the spiritual home of Australian football. Victoria never fails to produce a team of champions. Western Australia, too, has its traditions, both in State competition and in individual club records. No finer instance of club tradition could be afforded than that of East Fremantle.

One of the most exciting and interesting phases of the traditions of Australian national football is the record of clashes between Victoria and Western Australia, probably the two strongest States.

B. Chandler, the West Australian goalkeeper, fails to mark a ball on the boundary against H. Torney (Victoria). At the back is R. Harris (Victoria).

B. Ryan (W.A.) attempting a shot for goal from the left pocket. Left to right: H. Torney and J. Dyer (Victoria), the umpire (G. Owens), E. Henfry (W.A.), R. Harris (Victoria) and S. Lloyd (Victoria).

J. Regan, the Victorian goalkeeper, makes a spectacular save in the goal mouth in Monday's match.

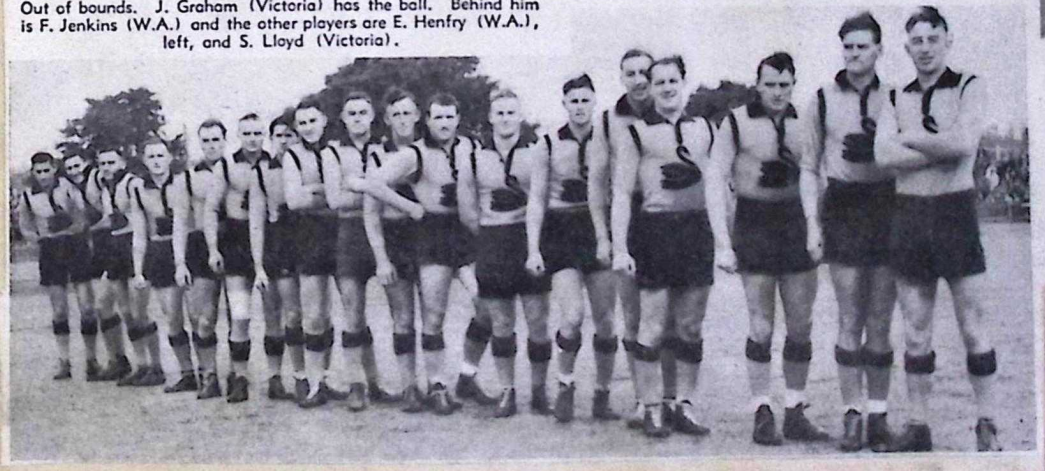
R. REYNOLDS.

When East Met West

Incidents in the first football match between Victoria and Western Australia at Subiaco Oval last Saturday. Victoria won the game, which was marred by heavy rain and a high wind during the day. On Monday the result was reversed.

Out of bounds. J. Graham (Victoria) has the ball. Behind him is F. Jenkins (W.A.) and the other players are E. Henfry (W.A.), left, and S. Lloyd (Victoria).

Above: The Victorian Team: R. Reynolds, L. Thomas, W. Crisp, R. Harris, R. Adamson, R. Todd, J. Dyer, T. Hall, S. Spinks, A. Muller, N. Ware, J. Regan, J. Graham, J. Grant, J. Ryan, S. Lloyd, R. Fischer and J. Kelly.



Left: The West Australian Team: R. Hutchinson (captain), right, B. Ryan (vice-captain), H. Bunton, B. Chandler, H. Andrews, F. Jenkins, C. Strang, K. Shea, J. Reilly, R. Starr, E. Henfry, F. Puddey, S. Sinclair, R. Thomas, D. Miller, W. Truscott, J. Murray and G. Doig.

S. Lloyd (Victoria) tackled by E. Henfry (W.A.) on the West Australian forward line. The other players are: L. Thomas (left), J. Regan and R. Reynolds (captain).

ALL HANDS TO THE BALL after a throw-in from the boundary during the St. Kilda-Carlton match. W. Wrout (Carlton) is on the left.

Victoria Outclasses S.A. Before 25,000 Spectators

(By Our Adelaide Football Writer)

VICTORIA easily defeated South Australia on Saturday in the interstate Australian Rules match at the Adelaide Oval by 24-13 to 16-18.

The Victorians played a characteristic game. They were superior in high marking and hand-ball, their kicking was accurate and leading-out excellent. The combination of the winners frequently left the local players standing.

Every man of the South Australians battled tigerishly, but their's was all individual effort. Their kicking was erratic, and they invariably sent the ball to an opponent.

Of course, credit must be given to the superior judgment of the Victorians, who gave a display on the Adelaide Oval which should tend to improve the standard of play in this State.

NOTHING more spectacular has been seen on the Adelaide Oval than the high-flying of the visitors. Their quick knocks to one another were also a feature. Each Victorian was always looking for a team-mate and nearly always found him.

On the other hand, the South Australians played with determination and frequently gained possession but usually could not find a man to kick to. When they did have a man in the open the kick was invariably erratic.

South Australians threw themselves into the packs fearlessly, but it was the scientifically applied weight application of Victoria which told the tale.

South Australia was fairly well served across the centre. Ned Hender, the captain, on Cordner, played a fine game. He apparently twisted an ankle in the second quarter, and left the ground after the end of the third. Hender was one of the few who could direct his kicks.

Treleaven, on Bryce, on the wing, had the better of exchanges, and the South Australian lightweight can be proud of his game.

Reynolds, Brownlow Medallist, a wonderful player, held Cahill in the first portion of the game, but Cahill had a lot of the ball in the later stages.

"Micky" Crisp (Carlton) captain of Victoria, did his part in classical style.

Many Players Were Prominent

IT would be difficult to select Victoria's best men because so many of them were prominent.

Ron Todd, the young Collingwood forward, gave the spectators (there were 25,000 people present) their money's worth. Todd is certainly a worthy successor to Gordon Coventry. Todd marked at all heights

and angles. His kicking was splendid, too, and he secured nine of Victoria's 24 goals.

A. Sharp, of Fitzroy, maintained his reputation of being one of the finest rovers in Australia. His was a fine display.

Victorian rucks were well on top, and Dyer, Graham, Morrison, and Everett were continually in the van.

Jim Park (Carlton) was an excellent defender for Victoria.

George Dower (Hawthorn) played effectively on the half-back line. He has been in Adelaide previously, and he was better than ever.

Percy Beames, the Melbourne player, gave a delightful exhibition. We have often seen him play, and he had a great day this day. In addition to roving skilfully, he kicked three

DESPITE the fact that there were only glimpses of system on the part of South Australia, many of the players deserve commendation for a great game.

Ken Farmer was not given many opportunities by his team-mates, but the crack goal-kicker, by clever work, scored a fair proportion of the South Australian total, 6—3.

Dinnison, in goal, had a terrific problem in Todd (6ft 1½in., and wonderful springing ability).

The South Australian rovers, Halliday and Quinn, put in manfully, but the ruckmen did not give them many opportunities. They had to get the ball for themselves.

Murdy again proved he is a half-forward of class, and kicked 3 goals.

One of this State's best was Ken West, at half-back. The former Port Adelaide goalkeeper was consistent throughout, and his team-mate, Meers, did a fair job, too.

Alf. Smith was one of the few South Australians who could mark against opposition.

At the end of the first quarter, Victoria led by 6—3 to 4—3. South Australia, working at top, wiped off some of the margin by half-time, Victoria 11—6 to 9—10. At one stage in the third quarter they were within a point of their opponents, but with one of those perfectly-timed rushes Victoria had a winning lead at the end of the third quarter, 18—9 to 12—11.

While many other teams finish practice and are preparing to go home, Preston footballers play on under floodlights, and with a white ball to aid them. Here are some of the players up for a mark during the practice.

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